

APPENDIX A

Apple Thief

Story Line	Apple theft, recovery and sharing
Characters	Two sisters
Story	<p>A girl ("Thief") steals an apple. Her sister, the owner ("Owner") locates her and asks her to return the apple. Thief runs away. Owner chases and catches Thief and they struggle. Thief realizes that she has no choice but to give the apple back. So she does but charms the Owner to share the apple. Owner agrees and attempts to slice the apple with a real tiny knife and then a big plastic knife but fails. Thief tries and succeeds in cutting the apple and gives small pieces to Owner. After Owner has had enough, Thief forces her to eat more. Owner gets annoyed and runs away. Thief gets rest of the apple!</p>
Props	Real apple (or a fruit with firm flesh e.g., guava, pear), tiny real folding pocket knife (or a nail cutter with knife), large plastic toy knife
Run Time	7.5 minutes
Key items	<p>Beat1: apple, what, mine Beat2: give me, no Beat3: let go Beat4: you, take it Beat5: want, yes Beat6: cut, some Beat7: small knife, big knife, cannot Beat8: cannot, try again Beat9: for you, thank you Beat10: enough, don't want</p>

Beat1: apple, what, mine

Thief walks in with an apple.

Owner follows looking for something, spots Thief and the apple in her hand. Owner's face brightens.

OWNER *(pointing)*

Apple!

THIEF *(feigns)*

What?

Thief ignores Owner and begins walking around a table. Owner follows and taps her on shoulder.

Repeat 2x

THIEF *(mocking, singing)*

Apple, apple, apple.

Owner annoyed snatches away the apple.

OWNER ***It's mine.***

Thief snatches back the apple.

THIEF ***It's mine.***

Repeat 3x

Beat2: give me, no

Thief has the apple. She starts walking around the table, trying to get away. Owner stops her.

OWNER ***Give me the apple***

THIEF No.

Repeat 3x

OWNER *(suddenly screams)*

Give me, give me, give me the apple

THIEF *(screams back)*

No, no, no.

Beat3: let go

Thief starts running around the table. Owner chases. Suddenly owner reverses direction and catches Thief's hand tight. But Thief is holding the apple in the other hand.

THIEF | Thief struggles to get her hand released.
Let go.

OWNER | *No*

Repeat 3x

Owner tries to reach for the apple in Thief's other hand. Thief pulls away her hand.

OWNER | *Give me the apple.*

THIEF | Let go.

OWNER | *No.*

Repeat 3x

Beat4: you, take it

Owner gets a grip of Thief's second hand. Now the two struggle for the apple with both hands.

THIEF Let go.

OWNER ***YOU let go.***

THIEF You let go.

Repeat 3x

OWNER ***Give me the apple***

THIEF No

Repeat 3x

OWNER *(hand on hips, screams)*

Give me the apple.

Thief is a little scared. They stare at each other for 3-4 seconds.

THIEF Ok, take it.

OWNER *(surprised, happy, suspicious)*

What!

THIEF Take it.

OWNER *(still suspicious)*

Really?

THIEF *(assures)*

Take it. Take it.

Owner takes back her apple.

Beat5: want, yes

Owner strolls around the table - happy, playing with the apple. Thief turns friendly.

- Thief follows Owner closely, pouting like a kid.

Owner turns.

OWNER ***What do you want?***

THIEF (whining)

Apple.

Owner rolls up her eyes, continues with her stroll. But Thief persists.

Repeat 2x

Owner melts. Strokes Thief's head.

OWNER ***You want the apple?***

THIEF (pouts, nods)

Yes, I want the apple.

OWNER ***You want the apple?***

THIEF (pouts, nods)

Yes.

OWNER ***You want the apple?***

THIEF (pouts, nods)

Yes, yes.

Beat6: cut, some

Owner makes a cutting gesture on the apple.

OWNER ***OK, let me cut it.***

THIEF (repeats cutting gesture, puzzled)
Cut it?

OWNER ***Yes, cut it.***

THIEF (still puzzled)
Cut it?

OWNER ***(explains)***
I will give you some.

THIEF You will give me some?

OWNER ***Yes, I will give you some.***

Beat7: small knife, big knife, cannot

Owner takes out a tiny knife and holds it up.

THIEF You have a knife!

OWNER *Yes, I have a knife.*

The knife is tiny. Owner tries to cut the apple but fails.

OWNER *I cannot cut the apple.*

THIEF You cannot cut the apple.

Repeat 3x

THIEF (opines)
It is a small knife.

OWNER (agrees)
It is a small knife.

Repeat 1x

Thief pulls out a big (plastic) knife.

THIEF I have a big knife.

OWNER *Wow, you have a big knife.*

THIEF (brandishes knife)
I have a big knife.

Beat8: cannot, try again

The plastic knife is large but blunt and useless. Owner cannot cut the apple.

Owner tries repeatedly.

OWNER ***I cannot cut the apple.***

THIEF Try again.

Repeat 3x

OWNER ***(frustrated)***

You try it.

Owner hands over the knife and apple to Thief.

THIEF OK

Beat9: for you, thank you

Thief tries but cannot cut the apple either.

THIEF I cannot cut the apple.

OWNER ***You cannot cut the apple.***

Thief gives back the big knife and picks up the small knife from the table.

THIEF I don't want the big knife. I want the small knife. OK?

OWNER ***OK***

Thief slices off a piece! She gives it to Owner.

THIEF For you.

OWNER ***(bows)***

Thank you.

Repeat 3x

Beat10: enough, don't want

Owner has had enough. She belches and pushes away Thief's hand.

OWNER *Enough.*

Thief puts the piece in her mouth

THIEF For you.

Owner firmly pushes away Thief's hand and backs away. Thief follows.

OWNER *Enough.*

THIEF For you.

Repeat 2x

Owner runs around the table. Thief chases.

THIEF For you

OWNER *I don't want it.*

Repeat 3x

Owner exits. Thief comes back to the centre. Pats her chest with the apple few times, laughs, tosses it up few times and says repeatedly ...

THIEF MY apple.

THE END